

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

AUGUST 9, 2020

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Mass Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Video Recorded Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

by appointment.

3000 Videre Drive
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www.resurrectionde.org



Rev. Gregory Corrigan, Pastor

ext. 115

John Falkowski, Deacon

ext. 110

Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music

ext. 106

Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation

ext. 104

Elaine Little, Youth Ministry

ext. 107

Tina Donald, Bookkeeper

ext. 105

Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.

ext. 0

Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. Wed. Thurs.

Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

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Fr. Greg or Deacon John

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Ruth Sanders has announced her plans to retire, effective August 31, 2020. Several months ago, prior to the appointment of our current pastor, she discussed this with Father Bill Graney.

She and her husband Jack have been a part of Resurrection since 1987. Ruth has been part of the music ministry, and served as choir director for several years. She became a member of the professional staff in 2004 as the Coordinator of Liturgy and Music, where she has provided positive leadership. In retirement, Ruth is looking forward to time for family, friends and many, many interests. Ruth and Jack plan to remain part of Resurrection Parish.

Ruth's creative talents and gifted leadership will be missed. She interacts with all with kindness, compassion, mutual charity and dignity. Her liturgy and music ministry is carefully planned to stir the soul and inspire people to a great faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ.

Sadly, as Covid 19 continues to limit gatherings, we are unable to have the large celebratory event that she deserves. However, we are planning to celebrate Ruth's retirement by asking for cards and letters, which will be compiled into a scrapbook for Ruth. Please take a moment to jot down your memories and best wishes, and send them via email to office@resurrectionde.org, or drop them off, or mail them to the office at Resurrection: 3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington DE 19808. Photos are welcome too. Please send them by no later than August 15.



God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them. *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist*

Eva Skripchuk, Burt Strasser, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Anna Catriew, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Kathie Wisniewski, Ginnie Marzouca, Rick Markel, Peggy Wessel, Andy Werner, Wayne Bunting, Bea Mercatante, Lorraine Sturmfels, Ann Amsler, , C.D. Malmgren, Elmer Godwin, Jill Bauerle, Tina Mahler, Meghan Weiss, Paul Sanders, Joyce Graney, Joan Rzucidlo, Nancy Bunting, Joan Read Victoria J. Atkins, Joseph Joyce, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS AT HOME

With gratitude and joy we offer **Mass Online** from Resurrection Parish for Sunday August 9 will be posted on our homepage <https://www.resurrectionde.org> FaceBook page www.facebook.com/resurrectionde And our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionParishDelaware>

Attend The Videotaping Of Our Weekly Mass

Here at *Christian Broadcasting -- Station V 3000*, we produce the weekly mass for the World Wide Web. If you would like to attend a videotaping and participate in the Eucharist here at Resurrection, tickets are now available!

To reserve a seat, please give Debbie a call at 368.0146.

Please note—masses are typically filmed on Thursday or Friday but the time may change each week based on the schedules of our directors, our many producers, the camera people, sound and design technicians, and Father Greg's personal make up artist and wardrobe assistant 😊. We'll give you specifics when you call.

We'd love to have you join us. For safety sake, maximum number of guests is 10 holy people!

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS AT CHURCH SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. MASS

Please come with an open heart. Changes to Mass are necessary for the health and safety of all.

We welcome everyone to walk joyfully and patiently as a parish community as we figure this out in a safe, yet holy way.

To register to attend the Mass, please visit the parish website www.resurrectionde.org and look for the sign up genius link. You may also call the parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 until Thursday at 3 p.m. to register.

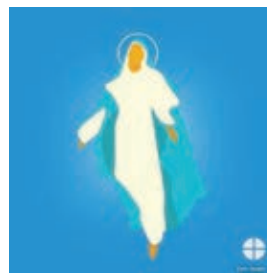
Please Note:

- a face mask or covering is required for all
- 6 ft. social distancing is required at all times on parish property

Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g. over the age of sixty, existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or otherwise immuno-compromised) are **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** from attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass issued on March 12, 2020 remains in place for the Diocese of Wilmington.

For those who cannot attend Mass in person, know that God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.



You are invited to

Mass for our celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

(a holy day of opportunity!) at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday , August 15.

Due to space limitation, registration is required. Please visit the Resurrection Parish [sign up genius page](#) to reserve your seat.

Refrain From Singing Out Of Love

As we continue to find our way forward during this pandemic, we turn to the Holy Spirit to guide us as a community of faith. As people who *love one another* we realized that we must practice the best safety protocols in order to show our love for each other. The medical updates presented to us by our liturgy coordinator Ruth Sanders, and affirmed by our blessed parishioner (and Infectious Disease Specialist) Doctor Reena Mascarhenas, indicates that to not sing at mass is a good safety measure.

I know how hard it is for people of this faith community to refrain from singing but we do so because it is the right thing to do. I remind us that parishioners must wear masks during any gathering for prayer. We will continue to "recite" the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, the *Great Amen* and *The Lamb of God*. Music may be played instrumentally, recorded, or sung by the cantor.

We are blessed that a long time ago we were taught how to use American sign language in order to "say/sing the "Alleluia" before the gospel. When we are able to rescind this restriction I have no doubt we will joyfully sing out a new wonderful song to the Lord. Thank you for your understanding and goodness.

fr. Greg

PARISH LIFE



**Pray Together While Apart
NEW TIME for Sunday
Evening, 7 pm
Wednesday Morning, 9 am**

Join in as we share prayer, scripture and song via ZOOM. We gather for prayer online at 7 pm Sunday and 9 am Wednesday. Because we want to avoid Zoom bombing, we ask those who would like to join to please email Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org for information.

Psalm 16:8: "I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken."

2nd Sunday Bible Study at 12:00pm, held online due to COVID 19 , lead by the Thedal Tamil Catholics on Aug 9th Exodus Chapter 25-27
The study begins at noon and ends at 1:30pm
Please contact biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com for details about the online link to connect.

WOMEN AND THE CHURCH

Sr. Joan Chittister has been a leading voice in the Catholic church for 60 years. If you wonder what women's work is, what it means to be a feminist, or how to be both a woman and a Catholic, this book *From the Writings of Joan Chittister: On Women*, is for you. To learn more about Sr. Joan, go to her website: monasteriesoftheheart.org

ALL are encouraged to participate in a wonderful online discussion that will run August 10 - 28. To register for **On Women: A Book Discussion**, go to monasteriesoftheheart.org/ecourse/women-book-discussion

You can participate in the ecourse from home or join us in the Gathering Space with others (safely!) as we watch and listen from our big screen.
Peace,
fr. greg

For resources for your prayer and reflections at home, see Resurrection's **Keeping the Seasons** page: <https://www.resurrectionde.org/keeping-seasons>.



**Benefit Concert to Combat Human Trafficking
upper parking lot of Skyline Methodist Church
Sunday evening, Aug. 23 at 7:00
(Rain date Aug. 24).**

Audience members are invited to bring a lawn chair, wear a mask and sit 6 feet apart. The concert will also be virtual! It will be put on Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/concerttofightsextrafficking/> and YouTube. Free will Donations can be sent to Shared Hope International and Zoe Ministries Delaware.



BITS and PEACES... fr. Greg Corrigan

At the recommendation of writer David Brooks, I joined the Aspen Institute. The Aspen Institute drives change through dialogue, leadership, and action to help solve the greatest challenges of our time.

We bring together thoughtful people with diverse backgrounds and points of view.

We will bring together people from diverse backgrounds and experiences in our ministry.

DIVERSITY today means ensuring that our roundtables and other private gatherings reflect the diversity of our organization (churches). This means that we aim to include at least 30% people of color and 50% people who identify as underrepresented genders. The Aspen Institute <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/>

RACIAL EQUITY

How to Talk About Race and Racism <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/podcasts/how-to-talk-about-race-and-racism-rebroadcast/>

Today race is a more prominent and intransigent problem than ever.

How does the Catholic Church welcome and listen to the voices of people of color and underrepresented genders? How can Resurrection parish be more inclusive? What would be a reasonable attempt at inclusion and diversity?

fr. Greg Corrigan

HELP NEEDED

Resurrection is seeking a part time person, handy, capable, for odd jobs and general help (maintenance inside/outside), clean up, recycling, etc.). Flexible work hours. Call fr. Greg x.115

Fr. Greg seeks a part time (couple hours a week) person – bright, literate, organizer—to organize and file his numerous boxes of papers... lots of personal writing, thus confidentiality is required. Email him at quierespaz@gmail.com with background and hourly wage you are seeking.

The parish is looking to get a used work truck (small pickup). Needs to be tagged for road use. Fr. Greg will pay for the vehicle but its primary use will be at parish.

Thank you.

“The journey to happiness involves finding the courage to go down into ourselves and take responsibility for what's there: all of it.” Richard Rohr, ofm

Clothing Drive a Success!



Students waiting for the next car to pull up while staying socially distant.

Seven middle-school youth and adults collected clothing at the parish on Thursday July 23. Six car/van loads of clothing were delivered to the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Thank you to all who donated clothing. If you forgot, no worries. We may have another clothing drive in the fall. Check out our Facebook Page for more photos!

Please enjoy the parish grounds for prayer. Spaces include the prayer garden on the hill, community garden, back patio, or a walk in the woods.

To arrange a time for prayer inside the church, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Greg Corrigan, at 302-368-0146 ext. 115 or gcorrigan@resurrectionde.org.

Prayer Chain

Anita Delaney is now leading our Prayer Chain. If you have prayer requests, or are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain, please contact Anita Delaney at anitade143@verizon.net



Ebenezer / Resurrection VBS goes virtual in 2020

A HUGE thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who have worked so hard to make our quarantine-friendly Virtual Vacation Bible School — affectionately called V VBS — possible this summer in the midst of a pandemic. Forty-eight children registered to **BOLT** their way towards faith in Jesus this summer through Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and science activities as part of our online program!

TAKING IT HOME **By Deacon John**

Our belief in God is built on faith. Faith is not belief. Belief is trusting in the truth of certain propositions, e.g. creeds, doctrines, etc. Faith on the other hand cannot simply be reduced to such beliefs. Faith welcomes unknowing and mystery. Faith is our acceptance of that which cannot be fully comprehended; it is part of the path that leads to transformation. This is what we might say faith is academically. But from an academic standpoint faith is not something easily grasped. We can express that we either have faith or do not have faith, but we are often at pains to say why. Faith really is an opening of the heart and mind to something bigger than ourselves.

Usually faith, as a system, is not something we can describe, although we try to do just that. Faith is something we experience. We become aware of the mysterious presence of God in the world through the way we experience life. And the way we experience life can make for a lively and challenging faith, but it can also lead to a troubling diminishment of the nature and presence of God.

In other words, when we experience danger or threat, like our current situation with the pandemic, God becomes the machine by which we escape that danger or threat. So we call on God and if God is true to who God is all becomes well. God is our rescuer and all is well with our faith. But on the other hand, if God fails to come to our rescue, our faith in God

diminishes. This is the way our experience can affect the way we our sense of faith. In other words, we can become so full of faith when we experience things like, the birth of a child, falling in love or some other high emotional moment. While on the other hand, when we experience moments of despair, loss or disappointment, like now, our faith can grow weak because we believe that God has abandoned us. But if our faith in God and in God's ways is to become a steady influence in our lives, how do we keep our experience from simply allowing our faith to become an emotional rollercoaster? I think our readings today can give us two good examples.

In our first reading we hear the story of Elijah. After defending God from the prophets of Baal, and after defeating those prophets, Elijah must run for his life. In doing so, Elijah is experiencing a moment of fear and doubt so he takes comfort by hiding in a cave. In the gospel, Peter appears to be so full of faith that he believes that he can walk on water. But just as Peter takes his first several steps, the wind reminds him of what he is about to do, so he waivers and falls back into the sea.

And just like that too our faith is affected by the many ways we experience daily life, but in all these situations God neither succumbs to nor allows these feelings to affect the relationship that God wants to have with us. God's love is always steady and steadfast never allowing our feelings and emotions to affect the relationship that God wants to have with us. And if we can understand the true nature of God, we can see that despite the high times or the low times, God's presence is forever with us. It's just that this presence may come in unexpected ways. In the tiny whispering sound of the wind, God lets Elijah know that God has not abandoned him. Despite Elijah's fear, God stills believes in Elijah and God will give Elijah the strength he needs to face the struggle ahead. And for Peter, in his moment of doubt when he falters and falls, Jesus is there with a steady hand to help Peter out of the sea.

God truly did not abandon Elijah nor did God abandon Peter, and in just the same way, God will not abandon us. When our faith waivers because of the many ways we experience the ups and downs of daily life, God too will not depart from us, but will allow that presence to be revealed in unexpected ways. Like Elijah and Peter, we too need to keep our eyes and ears open to the many and perhaps least expected ways that God is ready to come to us and show us God's presence. Faith involves a relationship with the mystery of God, a relationship which means that we too should be willing to confront the struggle, the darkness and to honestly look at life in all its fullness and to still see the hand of God at work both in us and in the world even if the darkness does not entirely disappear. This is what it means when we allow not just the experience of life, but the inner awareness of that experience to give us a deeper understanding of the mystery that is God; and in that mystery, acknowledge what we don't know, but realize that we can be okay with that.

What faith gives us is an intimate relationship, a dark journey, a path where we must discover for ourselves that grace, love, mercy and forgiveness are absolutely necessary for survival in an uncertain world. You only need enough clarity and ground to know how to live without certitude. Yes, we really are saved by faith. Deacon John

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